



Town of Orange, Connecticut

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**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM AT TOWN HALL**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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Patrick B. O'Sullivan
TOWN CLERK

Present:

First Selectman James Zeoli
Selectman Mitchell Goldblatt
Selectman Margaret Novicki
Selectman Judy Williams
Selectman Ralph Okenquist
Ann Denny, Secretary

Robert Sigler, Orange Congregational Church
Lawrence Messina, Orange Lions
George Lesko, Orange Lions
Sue Von Rabenstein, Food 2 Kids
Joan Cretella, Director Community Services

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by First Selectman Zeoli. The fire exits were noted, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by the roll call.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
(2 minutes per person)

- Selectman Goldblatt gave a recycling committee update, they are working on replacing the damaged plastic bag shed at the transfer station, thank you to Home Depot and the Rotary Club of Orange for helping replace it, hopefully it will be open for recycling plastic bags and film soon. If you are bringing recycling to the transfer station in a plastic bag, please empty them into the container and do not throw the bag in. The next shredding day is Saturday April 25th from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. at High Plains Community Center. This is a free event sponsored by the Rotary Club. Donations to the Rotary Club for their Scholarship Fund are appreciated. Mattresses are also being collected that day, if you cannot get it there yourself the Orange Lions Club will be picking up mattresses for a \$10 donation to the Lions Club. Please contact Ken Lenz at 203-795-3906 to schedule a pickup. The Orange Community Women will also be there that day to collect household goods. He thanked residents for participating in the pink bag textile recycling program, 20,000 lbs. have been collected in the first 6 months of the program. If you need a pink bag you may contact him or Sylvie in Public works at Town Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Selectman Zeoli made the following announcements:

- **In Memorium**: The death of Fire Marshal Tim Smith on Sunday January 19th was a tragic loss to his family and all of us in the town.
- **Monday, February 17, 2020**: All Town Offices will be closed for the observance of Presidents Day, but the transfer station will be open.
- **Mailboxes**: Please protect your mailboxes, the heaviest and wettest snow is still to come this time of year. The town does not fix mailboxes unless they are run over.
- **Drainage ditches and swales**: A reminder to residents if there is a drainage ditch or swale on or between your property please keep it clear of leaves and debris to prevent flooding on your property. They were put in when subdivisions were developed and are on private property. They are not Town of Orange catch basins and will not be cleaned by the town.
- **Budgets**: The Amity Board of Education is proposing a 3.95% budget increase and he spoke against it and reminded them that the State of CT has budget caps of 2.5% on municipalities and he would like to see no more than a 2% increase. He also sent the same message to the Orange Board of Education.
- **Tax Payments**: A reminder to residents paying taxes, to avoid late penalties please mark your calendars for due dates. Motor vehicle taxes are due in one payment on July 1, and real estate taxes are due in two payments on July 1 and January 1, both payments have a thirty-day grace period.

MINUTES

- Selectman Goldblatt asked for a clerical correction on page 1, the sentence regarding the meeting opening be edited from **led by scouts from pack 922** to **led by cub scouts from pack 922**.

On a motion made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Novicki, ***the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on January 8, 2020 with the correction noted above.***

OLD BUSINESS

On a motion made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried, the board voted to move old business to after new business on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request to Hang a Banner to Promote the Strawberry Festival** – Bob Sigler, of the Orange Congregational Church Strawberry Festival Committee requested to hang a banner two weeks prior to the Strawberry Festival to help promote the event on June 13th with a rain date of Sunday the 14th. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request from the Strawberry Festival Committee to hang a banner over Orange Center Road two weeks prior to the event.*

2. **Request from the Lions Club to Waive the Customary Rental Fees for Use of the Gym at HPCC for a Military Whist** – Lawrence Messina and George Lesko from the Orange Lion’s Club were present to request the waiver of the facility rental fee for the HPCC Gym on Friday April 24, 2020 for a Military Whist which is a card game the group is holding as a fundraiser for the club. *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to waive the customary rental fees for HPCC for the Lion’s Club Military Whist on April 24, 2020.*

3. **Request from Food 2 Kids to Waive the Customary Rental Fees for Use of the Gym at HPCC for an Al deCant concert** – Sue VonRabenstein from the Foods 2 Kids organization was present to request the waiver of the facility fee for the HPCC Gym on Saturday March 7, 2020 for an Al deCant concert to raise funds for a new charitable organization in Orange called Food 2 Kids, which anonymously provides food for children in need who may experience food insecurity when they are away from school. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to waive the customary rental fees for HPCC for the Food 2 Kids Al deCant concert on March 7, 2020.*

4. **Request from Community Services to Waive the Custodial and Customary Rental Fees for Use of the Gym at HPCC for the Annual Living Treasure Pasta Festa** – Joan Cretella, Director of Community Services was present to request the waiver of the custodian and facility fees for the HPCC Gym on Friday May 15, 2020. She also asks that the Selectmen help serve. *On a motion* made by Selectman Novicki, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the request to waive the customary custodial and rental fees for HPCC for the Annual Living Treasure Pasta Festa.*

5. **Consider and Act on the Request to Approve a Three Year Commitment Resolution of the Town's Participation in the HazWaste Central Program** – Selectman Goldblatt noted that on Saturdays, from May through October, residents can dispose of hazardous wastes at the Regional Water Authority's headquarters in New Haven. Their hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the three-year commitment resolution of the Town's participation in the HazWaste Central Program.*
6. **Consider and Act on the Resolution of Endorsement regarding the South Central Regional Council of Government's (SCRCOG) Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) regarding Regional Cybersecurity Initiative and School Waste Diversion Pilot Program** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Okenquist and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the Resolution of Endorsement regarding the South Central Regional Council of Government's Regional Performance Incentive Program regarding Regional Cybersecurity Initiative and School Waste Diversion Pilot Program.*
7. **Consider and Act on the motion to conduct a Public Hearing at the March 11, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting regarding the repeal of Chapter 204 Dance Halls and Other Public Entertainment** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Williams and unanimously carried, *the Board approved conducting a Public Hearing at the March 11, 2020 Board of Selectmen meeting to repeal Chapter 204 Dance Halls and Other Public Entertainment.*
8. **Dates for the Annual Town Meeting and Budget Referendum** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Novicki and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the dates for the Annual Town Meeting and Referendum pending approval of the Registrars, if not approved it will be added to the March agenda.* (see attachment for details on dates)
9. **February Tax Refunds Totaling \$4,203.48** - *On a motion* made by Selectman Williams, seconded by Selectman Carangelo and unanimously carried, *the Board approved the tax refunds totaling \$4,203.48.*

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Consider and act on implementing fee for bulky waste at the transfer station:**
On a motion made by Selectman Carangelo, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried, *the Board approved implementing a fee for dumping of bulky waste at the transfer station with a waiver of 250 lbs. per load for residents effective July 1, 2020. The fee to be determined at a future meeting prior to the July 1, 2020 implementation date.*

COMMITTEES

1. **Pension Board** – Selectman Goldblatt had no report, committee meets next week.
2. **Capital Planning** - Selectman Okenquist reported the committee finished and made their presentation to the Board of Finance on February 7th. There were 21 projects totaling \$1,111,000, by priority the first 11 projects totaled \$673,000.
3. **Bond Construction Oversight Committee** – Selectman Goldblatt had nothing to report.
4. **Personnel** – First Selectman Zeoli has appointed Selectman Novicki and he will be planning a meeting soon.

At 8:45 p.m. Selectman Williams *made a motion*, seconded by Selectman Goldblatt and unanimously carried to close Regular Meeting and convene into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. To discuss extension of health benefits

Close Executive Session and convene into the Regular Meeting at 9:20 p.m.

VOTE

A. *On a motion* made by Selectman Goldblatt, seconded by Selectman Carangelo, *the board unanimously approved the request of the finance department to continue coverage for two individuals who would otherwise be covered under family health insurance until age 26 or they are eligible for insurance by an employer.*

At 9:22 P.M., Selectman Okenquist made *a motion to adjourn the meeting*. Selectman Williams seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Denny
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen



2020-2021
BUDGET HEARING ~ AMITY REFERENDUM
BOARD of SELECTMEN MEETING ~ ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN REFERENDUM

BOARD OF FINANCE BUDGET HEARING

(Has to be not less than 2 weeks before the Annual Town Meeting)

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at HPCC Cafeteria

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 5
OPERATING BUDGET REFERENDUM

Tentative Date

Tuesday, May 5, 2020
from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at HPCC Gym

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING & ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday May 13, 2020
Town Hall Lower Level Meeting Room

Board of Selectmen Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Annual Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

TOWN REFERENDUM

(Must be held no less than 7 and no more than 14 days after the Town Meeting)

Wednesday, May 20, 2020
From 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at HPCC Gym